

Welcome to this week's Parkfield Press

This half term is flying by!

We would like to remind you that a link to book Parents' Consultations will be sent to parents / carers this evening at approximately 6pm – please refer to the letter sent by email on 22nd January for further information.



Please be aware that the Teachers2Parents and School Money apps will be performing some routine maintenance on Saturday 27th January. This means the app will not be accessible for a limited time between 9am - 5pm. Please bear this in mind when looking to make bookings and payments this weekend.

Darwin Workshop – Year 6

Last week, our Year 6 students were visited by the tremendous Clive Pig, the storyteller. Clive took on the role of a Victorian gentlemen and shared some interesting stories of Charles Darwin and his voyages around the Galapagos.

Additionally, the children had a drama workshop practising their oracy skills.

UNCRC Article 31 (Right to take part in artistic activities)



Football Event – Year 4

On Monday the Year 4 football team competed in a friendly tournament at Bridgwater and Taunton College.

The team played 4 games and came away with 2 wins and 2 draws. They did exceptionally well despite the wind and rain, a great result for their first fixture. Well done!

UNCRC Article 29 (Right for education to develop a child's personality)



Upcoming Sports Fixtures – Spring Term

- Year 3 / 4 Cross Country – 29th January 2024
- Year 5 / 6 Hockey – 26th February 2024
- Year 5 / 6 Football – 29th February 2024
- Year 5 / 6 Netball – 4th March and 11th March 2024
- Year 5 / 6 Cross Country – 18th March 2024
- Year 3 / 4 Catchball – 24th March 2024

UNCRC Article 29 (Right for education to develop a child's talent)

Eco – Committee News

The Eco Committee have started the term by introducing our new Better Planet Schools agenda: Nature and Biodiversity.

On Monday they spoke to the whole school in KS1 and KS2 assemblies about what biodiversity means and how we can make the environment a more biodiverse place. Can I just say how wonderful they were and celebrate their courage for standing up in front of so many children and staff! We then asked the children to think of ideas of how we can make our school more biodiverse. We were so pleased to hear all the wonderful ideas the children had. Here are some examples: plant a wildflower garden; build hedgehog houses, bird boxes and bat boxes; make bird feeders and even create a pond!

Over the coming weeks, the eco committee and myself will be meeting to discuss what each year group can do to make our school biodiverse. Watch this space!

Mrs Bowkett & the Eco Committee

UNCRC Article 24 (Right to a clean environment)

PTFA School Disco – Thursday 8th February

A reminder that our next PTFA School Discos are being held on Thursday 8th February 2024.

Key Stage 1 Disco – School money is now open for payments. The KS1 disco will be held during the school day, in the afternoon.

Key Stage 2 Disco - School money is now open for payments. Please could we receive payment for your child by 9:30am on Thursday 8th February 2024 if they wish to attend.

On the day of the disco, all children for whom payment has been received will come home with a wristband, which they will need to wear to the disco to show payment has been received. Paying in advance via school money will make the drop off speedier for you, but if you would prefer, you can pay on the door when you drop off your child. There will also be a tuck shop, tattoos and face painting available, so please send your child with some pocket money if they would like to purchase anything.

Please ensure that all children from all KS2 year groups bring a drinks bottle and are accompanied by an adult for drop off and pick up. MOBILE PHONES ARE STRICTLY PROHIBITED.

Please also be reminded that children are invited to come to school in non-school uniform on Thursday 8th February 2024.

UNCRC Article 31 (Right to take part in artistic activities)

HMRC Childcare Vouchers

If you use HMRC childcare vouchers for payment against Swallows or after school clubs, please could you email the school office with a print screen of each transaction you make. Unfortunately, due to system issues with the HMRC website, we are finding it difficult to allocate payments.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Spring Half Term – Holiday Clubs

Premier Education will be running holiday clubs at Parkfield and Cotford St Luke Primary School this Spring Half Term. Further information can be found on the flyers at the end of the newsletter.

To book, please click the following link: <https://family.premier-education.com/>

For any enquiries re Spring Half Term Holiday Club, please contact: Andrew Overhill (07776 108281) at Premier Education.

UNCRC Article 27 (adequate standard of living) Food, clothing, a safe home.

Online Safety Focus

This week's website recommendation from the Online Safety Champions is ...

<https://www.kiddle.co>

Do your children use a child-friendly search engine at home yet? Kiddle is run by Google but has child friendly search results, giving them a great tool for research and homework. It also raises children's awareness of how search engines work - for example, the sponsored results at the top are clearly marked out in a different background.

UNCRC Article 17 (Right to access information from the media)

School Council

This week, the School Council looked at World Religion Day and led an assembly to the whole school. Click on the following link to find out about more:

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<https://parkfield-primary-school.primarysite.media/playlist/newsletter-videos-2023-2024>

UNCRC Article 14 (Right to have freedom of thought and religion)

House Points

Well done Pluto!

We award house points to the children as a reward for positive work and behaviour.

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Key Dates

February 2024	
Fri 2 nd	Reception – Vision Screening - NEW
Fri 2 nd	Y6 – Instrumental Recital (St John's Church, 2pm – 3pm) - UPDATED
Mon 5 th – Fri 9 th	Safety Week
Mon 5 th	RNLI Water Safety Workshop
Tues 6 th	Y2 & 5 – Fire Safety Workshop
Tues 6 th	Parents Evening (3.50pm – 6.50pm)
Wed 7 th	Year 4 – Net/Wall Festival (Blackbrook)
Wed 7 th	Robin Class – Trip to Puxton Park - NEW
Wed 7 th	Parents Evening (3.50pm – 6.50pm)
Thurs 8 th	Non School Uniform Day & Disco (PTFA)
Fri 9 th	Wren Class – Trip to Puxton Park - NEW
Mon 12 th – Fri 16 th	HALF TERM
Mon 19 th	Back to school
Tues 20 th	International Mother Language Day (Non School Uniform) - NEW
Weds 21 st	Year 2 – Trip to SS Great Britain - NEW
March 2024	
Tues 5 th – Thurs 7 th	Book Fair
Thurs 7 th	World Book Day
Fri 8 th	KS1 – PTFA Cake Sale
Fri 22 nd	KS2 – PTFA Cake Sale
Fri 22 nd	Parkfield Orchestra Concert
Mon 25 th – Thurs 28 th	STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) Week
Thurs 28 th	Easter Basket & Bonnet
Thurs 28 th	End of Spring Term 2024

We will endeavour to stick to the proposed dates and times. However, there could be times when events/dates will need to be changed. If this does happen, we will give you as much notice as possible.

Thank you for continued help and support.



Gareth Jones
Headteacher



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Childcare Voucher Payment

The school accepts many different types of childcare vouchers: Sodexo, Computershare, Faircare, Gov.UK etc

For identification purposes and audit trail, we require the following information each time a new transaction is made: Reference number, date of transaction, value, Provider, child's name.

This will help the school transfer credits in a timely manner. Thank you for your support.

Contact Details

Parkfield Primary School
Parkfield Road
Taunton

Tel: 01823 282125

E-mail: office@parkfieldschool.co.uk

We take child protection extremely seriously at our school. If you have a concern, you can speak to any of the school's designated and trained Child Protection officers: **Mrs Mitchell, Mr Jones or Mrs Bowkett**. Alternatively, you can ring Children Social Care on: **0300 123 2224** or email childrens@somerset.gov.uk

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We are very grateful for the ongoing support we receive from the

The Howards Family Charitable Partnerships Programme



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PREMIER EDUCATION TAUNTON HOLIDAY CAMPS



**Tuesday 13th, Wednesday 14th and Thursday 15th February
2024**

Venue: Parkfield Primary School
Time: 9:00am- 4.00pm Price: £21.00 each day

MULTI-SPORTS ACTIVITY DAYS



Our 'famous' Sports:

Dodgeball- Working as a team, children will work together to try and hit the other team with their dodgeballs!

Nerf Games- Children will be split into teams where they will build unbreakable forts to take cover from the other teams!

Taekwondo- Patterns, hand attacks, blocks and self defence are just a handful of taekwondo techniques children will learn from our coach Sharon!



Other activities :

Dance/gym/yoga- Children will get to express movement through our dance and gym sessions!

Arts and crafts- A chance for children to take a break from all the running around and relax!

Football- One of the more classic sports we run. Children will be put in teams to play a 5-aside tournament.



Please bring a packed lunch and soft drinks! Please wear sports/casual clothes.

How to book:
Online- www.premier-education.com
Call Andrew- 07776 108281

Childcare vouchers accepted

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Tuesday 13th and Thursday 15th February 2024
Venue: Cotford St Luke Primary School
Time: 9:30am- 3:30pm Price £21.00 each day

What we'll be getting up to...

Tuesday 13th February: Taekwondo, Nerf and Dodgeball- Patterns, hand attacks, blocks and self defence are just a handful of taekwondo techniques children will learn from our coach Sharon. Sharon is a level 3 in taekwondo and her club is represented at the National Taekwondo Poomsae championships!

The children won't just be coming home as little ninjas from the day. They'll also have an afternoon of our famous nerf and dodgeball games! Where they will make unbreakable forts and work hard as a team!



The fun doesn't stop there...

15th February: Gymnastics- Spend the day learning new gymnastic techniques from our amazing qualified gymnastic coaches.

They will support you doing new rolls, balances and stands. Enjoy making routines in pairs and small groups which will be presented later in the day. Try out all the school equipment!



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PREMIER EDUCATION HOLIDAY CAMP



Cotford St Luke Primary School
TA4 1HZ
Wednesday 14th February 2024

FOOTBALL/RUGBY ACTIVITY DAY



What we will get up to:

Football/ Tag Rugby skills- Working Individually or in pairs you will learn skills from the coaches. They will help you learn and improve!

Football/ Tag Rugby drills- Children will be split into groups and start practising their skills whilst also moving with the ball.

Mini games- Children will use their skills in game like situations before playing against each other in the afternoon in teams.

Football/ Tag Rugby tournament- Children will be put into teams where they will compete in a round robin tournament!



Please bring your own lunch & lots of non fizzy drink.

Please wear casual/sports clothes.

Childcare vouchers accepted



9:30am-3:30pm

£21 ALL DAY!



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